Supplementary Information for:

Pincer-CNC Au(III) and Pt(II) Complexes Supported by Pyrene-Based N-Heterocyclic Carbenes: Synthesis and Photophysical Properties

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1. Spectroscopic data

1.1 ¹H, ¹³C and HSQC NMR spectra of **1**







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1.3 ¹H, ¹³C and HSQC NMR spectra of $\mathbf{3}$





1.4 1 H, 13 C and HSQC NMR spectra of 4



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1.5 1 H, 13 C and HSQC NMR spectra of **5**









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2. UV-Vis and emission spectra



Figure S1. UV-Vis and emission spectra of mono-imidazolium salt A, recorded in MeCN



Figure S2. UV-Vis and emission spectra of mono-imidazolium salt B, recorded in MeCN



Figure S3. UV-Vis and emission spectra of complex 1 recorded in MeCN



Figure S4. UV-Vis spectrum (recorded in CH₂Cl₂) and emission spectrum (recorded in MeCN) of complex 2



Figure S5. UV-Vis and emission spectra of complex 3 recorded in MeCN



Figure S6. UV-Vis spectrum (recorded in CH_2Cl_2) and emission spectrum (recorded in MeCN) of complex 4



Figure S7. UV-Vis spectrum of complex 5 recorded in MeCN



Figure S8. UV-Vis spectrum of complex 6 recorded in MeCN



Figure S9. UV-Vis spectrum (recorded in CH₂Cl₂) and emission spectrum (recorded in MeCN) of complex 7



Figure S10. UV-Vis spectrum (recorded in CH₂Cl₂) and emission spectrum (recorded in MeCN) of complex 8



Figure S11. Normalized emission of complex 5 at 5 wt% in PMMA



Figure S12. Normalized emission of complex 6 at 10 wt% in PMMA

3. Cyclic voltammetry studies









complex 2









complex 4













4. X-Ray crystallography

X-Ray diffraction studies for 4. Crystals suitable for X-ray study of compound 4 were obtained by slow diffusion of hexane into a concentrated solution of the complex in chloroform. Diffraction data was collected on an Agilent SuperNova diffractometer equipped with an Atlas CCD detector. Single crystals were mounted on a MicroMount® polymer tip (MiteGen) in a random orientation. The structure was solved by direct methods in SHELXS-97 and refined by the full-matrix method based on F^2 with the program SHELXL-97 using the OLEX software package.¹ Key details of the crystal and structure refinement data are summarized in Supplementary Table S1. Further crystallographic details may be found in the CIF which was deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, Cambridge, UK. The reference number for 4 was assigned as 1446681.

| Empirical formula | $C_{66}H_{60}Cl_4N_6Pt_2$ |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Formula weight | 1469.18 |
| Temperature/K | 293(2) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P2_1/c$ |
| a/Å | 18.3864(6) |
| b/Å | 10.9440(3) |
| c/Å | 15.1682(5) |
| a/° | 90.00 |
| β/° | 111.100(4) |
| γ/° | 90.00 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2847.51(15) |
| Z | 2 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.714 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 5.143 |
| F(000) | 1444.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.2267 \times 0.2096 \times 0.1698$ |
| Radiation | MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$) |
| 2Θ range for data collection/° | 5.72 to 52 |
| Index ranges | -22 \leq h \leq 22, -12 \leq k \leq 13, -18 \leq l \leq 18 |
| Reflections collected | 28273 |
| Independent reflections | 5587 [$R_{int} = 0.0413$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0271$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 5587/0/357 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.113 |
| Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0346, wR_2 = 0.0816$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.0378, wR_2 = 0.0837$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3 | 1.48/-1.22 |

Supplementary Table S1. Summary of crystal data, data collection, and structure refinement details.

5. References

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